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Venice, February 23. *N. S.*

THE Magiſtrates of Health being inform'd that the Contagious Diſtemper was ceas'd in moſt Parts of Germany, have reduced the Quarentine to be performed by all Perſons who come hither by Land to Twenty eight Days. The Duke de Matalona, the Prince de Sonnino, and ſeveral other Perſons of Quality, who paſs'd the Carnival at this Place, are gone to Vienna. We have receiv'd an account, that the Turks are making great Naval Preparations, whereupon the Senate hath order'd ſome Men of War and Galleys to be fitted out here, that they may be in a readineſs to oppoſe any Deſign againſt this Republick. They write from Rome, that on the 16th Inſtant the Marquis de Prie, went with a numerous Retinue to the Quirinale, where he deſired the Pope, that his Imperial Majeſty might have the Right of Preſentation for one time, to all the vacant Benefices in the Empire, in the diſpoſal of the See of Rome. The Pope receiv'd him ſitting on his Throne, aſſiſted by ſix Cardinals in their Ceremonial Habits, three of whom, Sacripanti, Paulucci, and Albani, were appointed by himſelf, and the other three Adda, Imperiali, and Colonna, were nam'd by the Emperor. The Credential Letters were preſented and read, after which the Pope granted the Favour deſired. Formerly this Requeſt had been often made by the Emperors, but of late Years it has not been practis'd, and was never done till now, ſince the time of Urban the VIIIth and the Emperor Ferdinand.

Hamburgh, March 9. *N. S.* The Number of Perſons that died laſt Week amounts to no more than Sixty ſeven. We have received Advice, that the Duke of Mecklenbourg has order'd his Subjects not to ſupply the Garriſon of Wiſmar with any Proviſions, but rather to expoſe themſelves to Military Execution. The Czar hath writ a Letter to the King of Pruſſia, in which he thanks him for explaining himſelf upon the Affairs of Holſtein, in ſome ſort favourably to the Allies; but adds, that the two Letters he receiv'd from his Majeſty were not expreſs'd in ſo full a manner as to give an entire Security to the King of Denmark. For which reaſon he deſires a formal Declaration from him in Writing, that he will make no Attempt againſt his Daniſh Majeſty in favour of the Duke of Holſtein. The Form of a Declaration was join'd to this Letter, and the Czar order'd his Miniſter, as ſoon as the King of Pruſſia ſign'd it, to deliver the Ratification of the Treaty of Statin. His Pruſſian Majeſty hath ſent an Anſwer to Count Golofkin, the Muſcovite Ambaſſador at Berlin, without taking any notice of the Declaration he was deſired to ſign, but at the ſame time he aſſures the Czar, in very obliging Terms, that he will engage in no Undertaking to the Prejudice of the Allies: He hopes his Majeſty will be ſatisfied with his Proteſtations, and intercede with the King of Denmark to reſtore Tonningen, at the Concluſion of a Peace, in the ſame Condition it was ſurrender'd to him, without Demoliſhing the Fortifications. Monſieur de Wedderkop is gone to Copenhagen, and has writ to the Duke-Adminiſtrator of Holſtein, to deſire he will perform his Promiſe, and make publick the Reaſons why he was kept ſo long in Confinement. Count Dhona, Miniſter of his Pruſſian Majeſty, is arrived at Vienna, and it is ſaid has offer'd the Emperor Twenty Battalions, and as many Squadrons, of the King his Maſter's Troops, beſides his Contingent, in caſe the War ſhould continue with France. On the 15th paſt the Czar arrived at Riga, accompanied by the Great Admiral, Count Apraxin, and Monſieur Oſterman, his private Secretary. Letters from Stockholm bring an account, that the States of Sweden had granted the King a Supply of Two Millions of Crowns. The Merchants of that City had undertaken to furniſh the Sum neceſſary for fitting out a Squadron of Twelve Men of War for the defence of Findland. The Great Admiral had deſir'd to be diſmiſs'd from his Employment; Lieutenant-General Burenſchild was to Command in Scania, and Lieutenant-General Morner on that ſide of the Kingdom towards Norway.

Hanover, March 9. *N. S.* We are informed from Brunſwick, that the Duke of Wolfenbuttel's Indiſpoſition is very much encreaſed, and the Phyſicians apprehend him to be in great Danger upon account of his extreme Age. The Congreſs at that Place is not like to be form'd ſo ſoon as was expected, there being yet no Plenipotentiaries arrived except thoſe of his Imperial Majeſty, Monſieur Fabrice, on the Part of this Court, and Count Reventlau, Miniſter of the Adminiſtrator of Holſtein. The Chapter of Hildeſheim having refus'd to pay four Months Contributions due to the Imperial Regiment of Dragoons Quarter'd in that Dioceſe, the Commanding Officer ſent them into the Diſtricts appertaining to the Chapter, in order to raiſe the Sum demanded